GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
CONSTITUTION OF TRIBUNAL FOR INTER STATE POWER DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hydro Electric Projects get inordinately delayed due tointerstate disputes which adversely effects implementation of Hydro-Electric Projects;

(b) whether the cost of generation of Hydro-Electric Plants is much lower as compared with Thermal Projects;

(c) whether the Government have received any request to constitute Inter- State Tribunal for early setting of Inter-State disputes;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to constitute such a Tribunal;

(e) if so, the time by which the Tribunal is likely to be set up; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.119 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2000 REGARDING CONSTITUTION OF TRIBUNAL FOR INTER-STATE POWER DISPUTES.

(a) : A large number of hydro-electric projects are getting delayed due to Inter-State disputes. At present, 37 schemes with a total installed capacity of 6627.4 MW are held up due to Inter-State aspects in different parts of the country.

(b) : The cost of generation from a hydro power station is relatively low as compared with other sources of energy generation, as the hydro generation cost is not only inflation free but reduces with time. Hydro-electric projects have long useful life extending over 50 years.

(c) to (f) : Recognizing the need to take up hydro electric projects locked in inter-state power disputes, the Policy on Hydro Power Development approved by Government in August, 1998, inter-alia, provides for basin- wise optimal development of hydro electric projects without prejudice to the claims of the basin States or effect on the benefits from the existing projects. In this regard, Ministry of Power has taken steps in bringing about an understanding between the concerned States for the development of Cauvery Power projects. Similar steps are on with regard to Inter-State Power disputes amongst the States in the Northern Region.

Further, the Inter-State Council as well as Zonal Councils areconsidered to be appropriate fora for resolution of Inter-State Power Disputes. There is no proposal under consideration to constitute Inter-State Tribunal for settling the Inter-State Power Disputes.